

Greencroft Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House, Lanchester on
Tuesday 31 March 2015 at 7.00p.m.

Present Mr J Johnson – Chair
Mr C Lee, Mrs V Self and Mrs D Parry

Councillor C Burton (observer)

Apologies
There were no apologies for absence

35/15 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

36/15 Public Participation

No members of the public were present at the meeting

37/15 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved - that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24 February 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair

38/15 Correspondence

- (i) Neighbourhood Warden Report**
Resolved - that the report for January 2015 be received
- (ii) Parish Councils Committee**
It was reported that an additional meeting of the Parish Council Committee was to be held at Lynwood House, Lanchester on Monday 20 April at 6.30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and receive information on the Neighbourhood Warden service.
Resolved - that the information be received
- (iii) Campaign to protect Rural England - Newsletter**
Resolved - that the Newsletter be received
- (iv) Great North Air Ambulance – Letter of thanks**
Resolved - that the letter be received

39/15 Planning Matters

Members were informed of the following decisions of the planning authority:

- (i) Erection of building to be used as a barn store and for stabling of horses for personal use (DM/14/03614/FPA) – Refusal
- (ii) Erection of 1.5 storey 4 bedroom dwellinghouse (DM/14/03791/FPA - Refusal
- (iii) Advert consent for the display of 1no. sign above shop front with 3no. fixed external static lights (DM14/03885/AD) - Approval

Resolved - that the information be received

40/15 Northumbrian Water - Water Pressure (min 21/15)

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from Northumbrian Water following inspections which had been carried out at residents properties. Northumbrian Water reported that the water pressure problems were due to reduced water flow. The pressure reducing valve (PRV) was to be assessed, following which the PRV may need to be re-sized. Northumbrian Water would keep us informed of any further developments.

Resolved that:

- (i) that the information be received
- (ii) a further letter be sent to Northumbrian Water supporting the replacement of the PRV

41/15 Fence around Recreation Area (min 23/15)

Members were informed that a letter had been received from Durham County Council confirming that the application for an additional £589.60 from S106 funds had been approved.

A contractor has been appointed to undertake the works and it was expected that works would be carried out over the coming weeks.

Resolved - that the information be received

42/15 Purchase of a Live Christmas Tree – Recreation Area (min 25/15)

Members were informed that the tree had been ordered and would be arriving in a couple of weeks and that arrangements would be made for a site visit to determine its proposed location.

Resolved - that the information be received

43/15 Grass Cutting (min 26/15)

The Clerk reported that arrangements had been confirmed with Durham County Council and A D Purves Landscaping regarding the grass cutting requirements for 2015.

Resolved - that the information be received

44/15 National Speed Limit Sign/Road markings at crossroad (min 19/15 and 27/15)

The Clerk reported that letters had been sent to the County Council regarding the above two issues. A response had been received stating that the road markings were in order. The national speed limit sign was found to be larger than specified and a recommendation has been made to replace it with one of a correct diameter.

It was agreed that photos be sent to the County Council to highlight the situation.

Resolved - that the position be noted

45/15 Review of Risk Assessment

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk

Resolved that:

- (i) the report be received
- (ii) the risk assessment document be approved for 2015/16
- (iii) the document be reviewed, as required, on an annual basis

46/15 Review of Internal Audit

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk

Resolved that:

- (i) the internal audit arrangements be reviewed on an annual basis as required
- (ii) Mrs C McCormick be asked to carry out the internal audit
- (iii) the schedule attached to the report be completed by the internal auditor

47/15 Financial Information

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk
Resolved - that the report be received

48/15 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that approval be granted for payments to be made as follows:

HMRC	- Tax (Jan – March)	- £67.20
S Laverick	- Salary (Jan – March)	- £269.40

49/15 Chairperson's Announcements

There were no announcements

50/15 Questions from Members

There were no questions from members

51/15 Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities

The Clerk gave details of the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government

Resolved - that the information be received and the position noted

52/15 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved - that the next Ordinary meeting of the Council be held in Lynwood House on Wednesday 29 April 2015 at 7.00pm

Meeting ended at 7.45 p.m.